In order to realize Vision 2015, Ministry of Food Processing Industries have identified the following major strategic initiatives during Eleventh Plan period for rapid growth of food processing industries and consequent creation of substantial employment opportunities in the food processing sector:

(i) Establishment of Mega Food Parks in identified clusters with appropriate backward and forward linkages.

(ii) Creation of integrated cold chains/value addition and preservation infrastructure.

(iii) Modernization of abattoirs.

(iv) Up-gradation of hygienic and quality street food and food streets.

(v) Establishment and Up-gradation of quality control laboratories.

(vi) Rationalizing tax structure.

(vii) Incentivising FDI and private investment in infrastructure.

(viii) Undertaking capacity building of small and unorganized sector.

(ix) Launching a major promotional campaign for the food processing sector.

Food processing facilities in Jammu and Kashmir

159. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge quantities of apple and other fruits have rotted in Jammu and Kashmir due to non-availability of sufficient food processing capacity/transport there during strike and agitation in July-August, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid such a situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Temporary disruption of movement of transport in view of the disturbances has been reported by the State Government. However, the Government had taken all possible steps for smooth movement of goods and the situation remained under constant watch at the highest level. In July 2008, 2437 trucks of fruits reached Delhi and other markets as compared to 2080 trucks in the corresponding month of July 2007. During August 2008, 2303 trucks had reached Delhi and other markets compared to 3385 trucks in the corresponding month of 2007. After August, 2008, the movement of supplies has considerably increased as compared to last year.

So far emphasis has been on supply of fresh fruit. Around 80,000 M. Tones of processing capacity is available in the public and private sector against the production of 13 lakhs M. Tones of fresh fruit in the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The State Government is trying its best to create cold chain facilities and promote private investment in establishment of processing facilities. Further, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under the plan schemes provides financial assistance upto 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil work subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% upto Rs.75.00 lakhs in difficult areas including Jammu and Kashmir. For technological upgradation/modernization and establishment of food processing industries including fruit and vegetables processing industries. In the Eleventh Plan, a revamped scheme for infrastructure development has been formulated which will give enhanced level of financial assistance for setting up of Mega Food Parks, Cold Chain Infrastructure, modernization of abattoirs, setting up of quality control laboratory etc.

Export of food items

160. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major processed food items being exported to different countries; and

(b) what is the amount of foreign exchange earned through export of processed food items during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Sir, the major processed food items being exported to different countries are processed fruit and vegetables, Guar Gum, Jaggery and Confectionery, Cereal Preparation, Alcoholic Beverages, Miscellaneous Preparations- (Which include Ready to Serve products, snack foods, breakfast foods etc.) Frozen Shrimp, Frozen Fish, Frozen Cuttle Fish/Squid, Frozen Lobster etc.

(b) The amount of Foreign Exchange earned through the export of processed food items during the last three years is as below:-

Year	Rs. in Crores
2004-05	10212.29
2005-06	12329.85
2006-07	14501.58

Supplementary nutrition to adolescent girls

161. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that a large number of people are unable even to send their daughters to schools in the country, especially in the East and West Godavari and Visakhapatnam areas in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;